

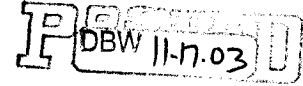
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November 13, 2003

S. C. PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

The Honorable Bruce F. Duke
Deputy Executive Director
South Carolina Public Service Commission
Post Office Box 11649
Columbia, South Carolina 29211

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UTILITIES DEPARTMENT

97-239-C

Re: Affidavits of Publication for USF Funding Notices

Dear Mr. Duke:

Enclosed herewith for filing please find the following original affidavits of publication of the Notices of Requests for Intrastate USF Funding which the South Carolina Public Service Commission requested be published one (1) time on or before November 3, 2003:

Bluffton Telephone Company
Home Telephone Company
Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc.
PBT Telecom
Hargray Telephone Company, Inc.

Beaufort
The State and The Island Packet
The State and The Post and Courier Charleston
The State and Sun News Horry
The State
The State.

Please check in the additional copies of these affidavits and return them to me in the enclosed envelope.

Should you have any questions with respect to this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

ElizaBeth A. Blitch, Legal Assistant
to Margaret M. Fox

Enclosures

**BLUFFTON
TELEPHONE
COMPANY
INTRA-STATE
UNIVERSAL
SERVICE
FUNDING**

Bluffton Telephone Company, Inc. (Bluffton Telephone) filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina for additional intrastate universal service funding pursuant to Commission Order No. 2001-419 issued under Docket No. 1997-239-C. This Order allowed eligible local exchange carriers to remove implicit support from its rates. Bluffton Telephone filed tariff revisions to reduce its rates for its Measured Extended Area Service, an Area Calling Plan. To offset the lost revenues associated with the proposed rate reductions, Bluffton Telephone is seeking additional intrastate universal service funding.

A copy of the Application is on file in the offices of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina, Synergy Business Park, Saluda Building, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina and is available through M. John Bowen, Jr., Esquire, McNAIR LAW FIRM, P.A., 1301 Gervais Street, 11th Floor, Post Office Box 11390, Columbia, South Carolina 29211.

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BRUCE F. DUKE
Deputy Executive Director
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
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COUNTY OF RICHLAND

Personally appeared before me, Peggy Lawrence, Advertising Sales Support Manager of THE STATE, and makes oath that the advertisement,

on Telephone Company Requests Intrastate Universal Funding at 1997-239-C

inserted in THE STATE, a daily newspaper of general circulation published in City of Columbia, State and County aforesaid, in the issues of

October 28, 2003

Peggy Lawrence

and sworn to before me

October 31, 2003

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INTRASTATE
UNIVERSAL
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FUNDING**

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**STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
COUNTY OF RICHLAND**

Personally appeared before me, Peggy Lawrence, Advertising Sales Support Manager of THE STATE, and makes oath that the advertisement,

Hargray Telephone Company Requests Intrastate Universal Funding
Docket 1997-239-C

was inserted in THE STATE, a daily newspaper of general circulation published in the City of Columbia, State and County aforesaid, in the issues of

October 28, 2003

Peggy Lawrence

subscribed and sworn to before me

this day October 31, 2003

Bruce F. Duke

Notary Public

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**PBT TELE-
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REQUESTS
INTRASTATE
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FUNDING**

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PBT Telecom, Inc. (PBT Telecom) filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina for additional intrastate universal service funding pursuant to Commission Order No. 2001-419 issued under Docket No. 1997-239-C. This Order allowed eligible local exchange carriers to remove implicit support from its rates. PBT Telecom filed tariff revisions to change its rates for its Area Calling Plan, Private Line T-1 Service and Intrastate Special Access High Capacity 1.544 Mbs Service, and Intrastate Billing and Collection Services. To offset the lost revenues associated with the proposed rate changes, PBT Telecom is seeking additional intrastate universal service funding. A copy of the Application is on file in the offices of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina, Synergy Business Park, Saluda Building, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina and is available through M. John Bowen, Jr., Esquire, McNAIR LAW FIRM, P.A., 1301 Gervais Street, 11th Floor, Post Office Box 11390, Columbia, South Carolina 29211. Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at a hearing, if scheduled, should notify Bruce F. Duke, Deputy Executive Director, at the address below, and M. John Bowen, Jr., Esquire, at the previously stated address, in writing, on or before December 3, 2003, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please refer to Docket No. 1997-239-C. Any person who wishes to present his views to the Public Service Commission may do so in writing, on or before December 3, 2003. Please refer to Docket No. 1997-239-C. Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a party of record, should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Procedures, on or before December 3, 2003. Please refer to Docket No. 1997-239-C. Persons seeking information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission by dialing (803) 896-5105.

HOME TELEPHONE COMPANY REQUESTS INTRASTATE UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUNDING

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COUNTY OF RICHLAND

Personally appeared before me, Peggy Lawrence, Advertising Sales Support Manager of THE STATE, and makes oath that the advertisement,

Home Telephone Company Requests Intrastate Universal Funding
Docket 1997-239-C

was inserted in THE STATE, a daily newspaper of general circulation published in the City of Columbia, State and County aforesaid, in the issues of

October 28, 2003

Peggy Lawrence

subscribed and sworn to before me

on this day October 31, 2003

Bruce F. Duke

Notary Public

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**HORRY TELEPHONE
COOPERATIVE, INC.
REQUESTS
INTRASTATE
UNIVERSAL
SERVICE
FUNDING**

Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (Horry Telephone Cooperative) filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina for additional intrastate universal service funding pursuant to Commission Order No. 2001-419 issued under Docket No. 1997-239-C. This Order allowed eligible local exchange carriers to remove implicit support from its rates. Horry Telephone Cooperative filed tariff revisions to reduce its rates for its Rotary Line Service, Custom Calling Features, and Custom Local Area Signaling Service (CLASS) Features. To offset the lost revenues associated with the proposed rate reductions, Horry Telephone Cooperative is seeking additional intrastate universal service funding.

A copy of the Application is on file in the offices of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina, Synergy Business Park, Saluda Building, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina and is available through M. John Bowen, Jr., Esquire, McNAIR LAW FIRM, P.A., 1301 Gervais Street, 11th Floor, Post Office Box 11390, Columbia, South Carolina 29211.

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BRUCE F. DUKE
Deputy Executive
Director
Public Service Commission of South Carolina
P.O. Drawer 11649
Columbia South Carolina
29211
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STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA
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Horry Telephone Company Requests Intrastate Universal Funding
Docket 1997-239-C

was inserted in THE STATE, a daily newspaper of general circulation published in the City of Columbia, State and County aforesaid, in the issues of

October 28, 2003

Peggy Lawrence

Subscribed and sworn to before me

on this day October 31, 2003

Bruce F. Duke

Notary Public

My commission expires March 10,
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The Post and Courier

State of South Carolina

County of Charleston

Personally appeared before me the undersigned advertising
Clerk of the above indicated newspaper published in the
City of Charleston, County and State aforesaid, who, being
duly sworn, says that the advertisement of

(Copy attached)

appeared in the issues of said newspaper on the following
day(s):

10/29/2003

at a cost of \$ 155.64
Account# C0516950
Order# C220KTT8
P.O. Number: home

Subscribed and sworn to before

me this 30th day
of October
A.D. 2003

Advertising Clerk

NOTARY PUBLIC, SC
My Commission expires

HOME TELEPHONE COMMISSION REQUESTS INTRASTATE UNIVERSAL SERVICE FUNDING

Home Telephone Company, Inc. (HTC) has filed an Application with the Public Service Commission of South Carolina for intrastate universal service funding pursuant to Commission Order No. 2002-10 issued under Public Law 107-239-C. This Order allows eligible local exchange carriers to remove interstate service from its rates. Home Telephone filed tariff revisions to change its rates for its Carrier Plan Services, Private Line T-1 Services, and Intrastate Special Access. Home Telephone Capacity 1,544 Mbs Service, Intrastate Billing and Collection Services, Landline-Mobile Optional Service, and Mobile-to-Landline Termination Service. To offset the lost revenues associated with the proposed rate changes, Home Telephone is seeking additional intrastate universal service funding.

A copy of the Application is on file in the offices of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina, Syme's Business Park, Suite 101, 101 Executive Center Drive, Columbia, South Carolina and is available through Mr. John Bowen, Jr., Esquire, MCNAIR LAW FIRM, P.A., 1201 Governor's Square, 11th Floor, Post Office Box 11390, Columbia, South Carolina 29211.

Any person who wishes to testify and present evidence at a hearing scheduled, should notify Brian Duke, Deputy Executive Director, at the address above, and Mr. John Bowen, Jr., Esquire, at the previously stated address, in writing, on or before December 3, 2003, and indicate the amount of time required for the presentation. Please refer to Request No. 1997-239-C.

Any person who wishes to present his views to the Public Service Commission, may do so in writing or before the Commission on or before December 3, 2003. Please refer to Request No. 1997-239-C.

Any person who wishes to participate in this matter, as a party or otherwise, should file a Petition to Intervene in accordance with the Commission's Procedures before December 3, 2003. Please refer to Request No. 1997-239-C.

Persons wanting information about the Commission's Procedures should contact the Commission by calling (803) 896-5105.

BRIAN F. DUKE
Deputy Executive Director
Public Service Commission of
South Carolina
P.O. Drawer 1144
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Sun Publishing Company, Inc.
P.O. Box 406
Myrtle Beach, SC 29578-0406



October 27, 2003

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NEWSPAPER
Sun News

DATES
October 27, 2003

AFFIDAVIT OF PUBLICATION: State of South Carolina
County of Horry

Before me, a Notary Public, personally appeared – Paula Lynn Ellis, who, after being duly sworn, deposes and says: That she is publisher of the Sun Publishing Company, Inc., at Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. In the county and state aforesaid: that the above ad(s) was (were) printed and published in said newspaper, on said date(s).

Paula Lynn Ellis

Sworn to and subscribed before me this 27th day of October 2003.

Notary Public

My Commission Expires August 7, 2007

Any person who wishes to participate in this hearing, as a party or second party, should file a written statement of position to intervene in accordance with the Commission's procedures, on or before December 3, 2003. Please refer to Docket No. 1997-239-C.

Persons seeking information about the Commission's procedures should contact the Commission at (803) 791-3111.

SEAL OF THE COMMISSIONER OF PUBLIC SERVICE
DIRECTOR
PUBLIC SERVICE
COMMISSION OF
SOUTH CAROLINA
P.O. BOX 16419
COLUMBIA, SC 29216

NOTICE OF APPLICATION
Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc. (Horry Telephone Cooperative) filed an Application with the Public Service Commission for approval of a rate of return on its investment in the Horry Telephone Cooperative. The Commission is holding a public hearing on the Application on October 27, 2003, at 10:00 a.m. in the Conference Room of the Public Service Commission, 1100 North Main Street, Columbia, South Carolina. Any person who wishes to participate in this hearing, as a party or second party, should file a written statement of position to intervene in accordance with the Commission's procedures, on or before December 3, 2003. Please refer to Docket No. 1997-239-C.

Any person who wishes to present views to the Public Service Commission may also do so by writing on or before December 3, 2003. Please refer to Docket No. 1997-239-C.

A copy of the Application is on file in the office of the Public Service Commission of South Carolina, 1100 North Main Street, 17th Floor, Post Office Box 16419, Columbia, South Carolina, and is available through M. John Bowen, Jr., Esquire, McNAIR LAW FIRM, P.A., 1301 Gervais Street, 17th Floor, Post Office Box 16419, Columbia, South Carolina, and is available through M. John Bowen, Jr., Esquire, at the address stated at the previously stated address, in writing, on or before December 3, 2003, and indicate the amount of time required for his presentation. Please refer to Docket No. 1997-239-C.

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COUNTY OF BEAUFORT

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COUNTY OF BEAUFORT)

Personally appeared before me a Notary Public, in and for State and County, aforesaid, Sara Johnson Borton who being duly sworn according to law, deposes and says that she is the Publisher of *The Island Packet*, a newspaper published Sunday through Saturday every week in Beaufort County, and who further deposes that: **Bluffton Telephone Company Requests Intrastate Universal Service Funding** was published in the issue(s) of *The Island Packet* on October 30, 2003.



Sara Johnson Borton,
Publisher

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Subscribed and sworn to before
me this 30th day of October, 2003.

Cynthia C Raily
Comm expires May 16, 2013